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The Importance of Home Literacy for ELL Students

Reading is very important in every subject area of school. If a child struggles in reading, that could carry over into every subject. Home literacy is highly encouraged because it reinforces the skills learned in school. The more children read the stronger reader they become, especially ELL students. With English not being their first language, reading can be a struggle. Helping your child read at home can improve their reading and writing abilities. Even teaching your child to read in their first language can help, in fact, it is highly encouraged. By taking a few minutes to sit down and read a book with your child will help with his/her greatly with their literacy skills.

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TIPS AND STRATEGIES

- Read with your child daily.
- Have your child read a book to you.
- Ask your child questions about a book for comprehension.
- Visit the public library.
- Take opportunities to read where there is print (at the store, signs, on food)
- Make up stories and make a book.
- Stress the importance of reading.
- Make a reading corner using soft blankets and pillows.
- Make crafts/puppets about the books you read. Be creative!

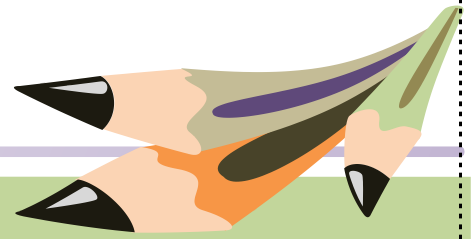
For addition tips and strategies, visit these websites.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/47>

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/readinglanguage/quicktips/home.html>

<http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/tablek.html> – offers printable learning activities





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